

Country report on animal welfare during long distance transport by land

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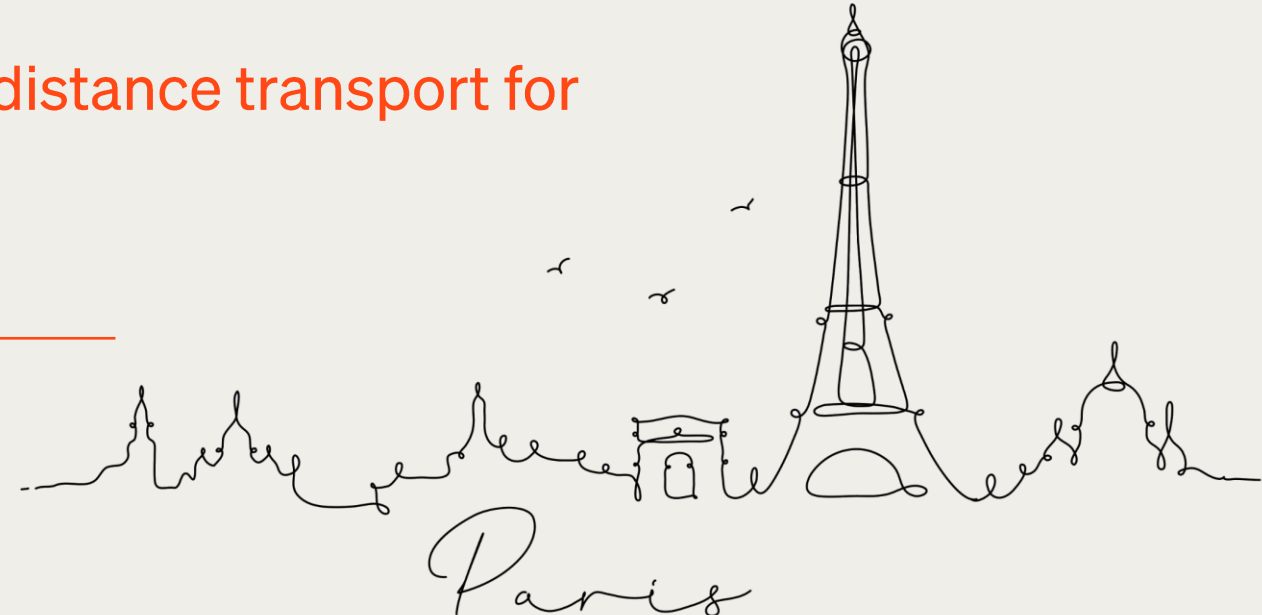
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# Overview of country livestock transport and trade

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Gesamtanzahl 2024											
Bestimmungsland	Rinder	Schweine	Schafe	Ziegen	Geflügel	Fische	Krebstiere	Bruteier	Samen	Eizellen/Embryonen	Summe
AL Albanien					86.700				32.000		118.700
DZ Algerien	2.425										2.425
AM Armenien	60										60
AZ Aserbaidshan	562								2.500		3.062
BA Bosnien und Herzegowina	57	212									269
XK Kosovo									27.350		27.350
MD Moldawien			139	49							188
ME Montenegro									50.000		50.000
MK Nordmazedonien			21						12.000		12.021
RU Russland			515	57							572
SN Senegal	33										33
RS Serbien	138	237			13.840				36.550		50.765
TR Türkei	12.607								15.912		28.519
TN Tunesien	94										94
US USA								142.810			142.810
UA Ukraine			149	5	275.000						275.154
GB Vereinigtes Königreich	36								250		286
<b>Summe</b>	<b>16.012</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>375.540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142.810</b>	<b>176.562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>712.308</b>

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## Overview of country livestock transport and trade

- INTRA COMMUNITY TRADE (within the European Union)
- Cattle: Italy (25.314), Germany (5.035), Poland (4.790), Hungary (4.019)

Land	Kürzel	Schengen	Tierart	Verwendung	Anzahl Sendungen					Anzahl Tiere				
					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Gesamt	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Gesamt
Bulgarien	BG	x	Rinder	Andere	2	0	0	0	2	29	0	0	0	29
Deutschland	DE	x	Rinder	Andere	217	196	120	0	533	1031	942	749	0	2722
Deutschland	DE	x	Rinder	Schlachtung	84	90	85	0	259	655	675	983	0	2313
Frankreich	FR	x	Rinder	Andere	0	2	0	0	2	0	17	0	0	17
Italien	IT	x	Rinder	Andere	465	435	235	0	1135	9128	9498	6506	0	25132
Italien	IT	x	Rinder	Schlachtung	12	22	4	0	38	17	160	5	0	182
Kroatien	HR	x	Rinder	Andere	55	34	20	0	109	2476	479	417	0	3372
Niederlande	NL	x	Rinder	Andere	3	3	2	0	8	25	36	17	0	78
Nordirland	XI	x	Rinder	Andere	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
Polen	PL	x	Rinder	Andere	58	11	0	0	69	4224	566	0	0	4790
Rumänien	RO	x	Rinder	Andere	0	5	1	0	6	0	44	27	0	71
Schweiz	CH	x	Rinder	Andere	14	19	3	0	36	196	303	56	0	555
Slowakei	SK	x	Rinder	Andere	15	2	1	0	18	453	33	1	0	487
Slowenien	SI	x	Rinder	Andere	49	32	18	0	99	308	234	40	0	582
Spanien	ES	x	Rinder	Andere	43	2	3	0	48	1840	27	32	0	1899
Tschechien	CZ	x	Rinder	Andere	5	5	12	0	22	41	66	261	0	368
Ungarn	HU	x	Rinder	Andere	42	29	18	0	89	2194	1019	796	0	4009
Ungarn	HU	x	Rinder	Schlachtung	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	10
<b>Gesamt</b>					<b>1064</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2475</b>	<b>22617</b>	<b>14111</b>	<b>9890</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46618</b>

## Competent Authority(ies)

### *Food inspection & Veterinary Administration*

- *Central (Competent Authority) Services in the BMSGPK with nine departments; coordination by **Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO)***
- *9 Regional Veterinary & Food inspection Services in the provinces; coordination by **Provincial Veterinary Officer (PVO)***
- *94 Local Veterinary & Food inspection Services; management and coordination by Food inspectors/District Veterinary Officer, (DVO): executive organ, subordinate to PVO*

## Competent Authority(ies)

### Department III/B/11 Animal Welfare

#### Animal Welfare

- Animal welfare is a federal matter in legislation and a matter for the federal states in enforcement.

#### Animal Welfare during transport

- Animal welfare during transport is a federal matter in legislation and enforcement is carried out in indirect federal administration.
- The district administrative authority (DVO) is responsible in the first instance for enforcing the directly applicable provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 and the Austrian Animal Transport Act.

# National animal welfare standards

*Legal basis: Provisions of **Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005**, Austrian Animal Transport Act and the regulations based on it*

## ***Amendment of the Austrian Animal Act 2007 (1.09.2022)***

- *Clear specifications for the submission of documents for plausibility and retrospective checks:*

*For a long-distance transport from Austria to third countries the consignor must ensure that the data required for retrospective checks are transmitted to the competent authority at the place of departure within one month. If these data and records are not provided within the above-mentioned period, further transports for this consignor are only to be dispatched after the data mentioned have been submitted.*

# National animal welfare standards

- Special regulations for animal transport of certain animals economic purposes:

## Fitness of transport of unweaned animals

For reasons of animal health, animals are fit of transport within the meaning of Annex I, Chapter 1 of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 for transports where the place of departure is in Austria and the place of destination is outside Austria, at the earliest at the age of 3 weeks.

Reduction of Journey time for unweaned animals (max. 19h)

# National animal welfare standards

- Export ban from AT to third countries for animals for slaughter and fattening

## **Export of cattle for breeding:**

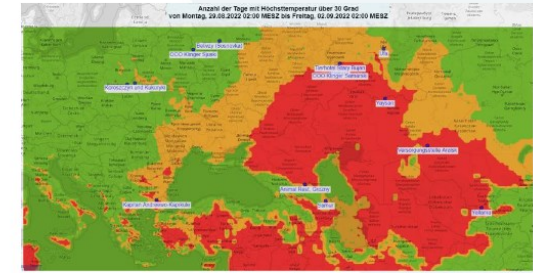
Transports to third countries are only possible if the transport can be completed in such a way that only one resting period in accordance with Annex 1, Chapter V, 1.5. of Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 is required or the third country is listed in Annex 2.

Annex 2: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Uzbekistan



# National animal welfare standards

*New National Transport Regulation (20.09.2024)*



Traffic light Color	Number of consecutive days with maximum temperatures > 30 °C
Red	> 3 days
Orange	1-3 days
Green	0 days

Map with temperature indices (daily maximum temperatures)

**Documentation:** Mandatory video/photo documentation at the control posts and at the destination + pictures of the accommodation and care of the animals on the livestock vessel and videos of the unloading of the animals at the port of destination

**New temperature provisions:** Interior temperature during the entire transport must be constant in the range between 5° and 30° Celsius (with a short-term and unpredictable over- or underrun of ± 5°Celsius)

Mandatory use of the GeoSphere Austria weather forecast during planning (<https://portale.zamg.ac.at/Lebendtiertransporte/>)

At maximum daily temperatures of 30° Celsius or more (at the place of loading on the day of loading + on one or more sections of the route along the route): Carry out loading at temperatures below 30° Celsius, carry out the transport either with a fully air-conditioned vehicle or transportation along the entire route exclusively at an outside temperature below 30°C

Standards for the competences of animal handlers, drivers and attendants: Certificate of competence (Art.17 of the Regulation (EC) No 1/2005.

# Monitoring and evaluation

- Annual control plan for random checks on animal transports.
- Annual Report which indicates, broken down by animal species, the number of all checks carried out during the previous calendar year, the infringements identified and the measures taken by the competent authority.
- Increased implementation of retrospective checks

## Conclusions

Austria has high animal welfare standards regarding animal welfare during long distance transport of animals by land: implementation of the Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 and stricter national provisions

## Challenges:

### **Austria = TRANSIT Land**

- Cooperation with the other MS and Third countries is very important
- Harmonization of the legislation
- Collaboration with all stakeholders

# Thank you

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